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1. IN INITIAL REACTION TO OFFICIAL US STATEMENT 4 SEPT RE SA
SITES AND PT BOATS, CUBAN SPOKESMEN EMPHASIZING CLAIM THAT ARMS
BUILDUP IS EXERCISE OF RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE. MOSCOW IS SILENT SO
FAR. CUBAN MILITARY FORCES FOR PAST WEEK OR SO IN HIGH STATE OF
ALERT. IT MAY BE THAT REGIME DELIBERATELY ALARMING POPULACE
TO JUSTIFY MASSIVE SOVIET ASSISTANCE AND TO DIVERT MINDS FROM
ECONOMIC PLIGHT.

2. PETE SCOVILLE IS FIXING THE C-PACKAGE TO PERMIT COVERAGE
OF CUBA. THIS WILL TAKE ABOUT THREE WEEKS. IN BACKS OF OUR MIND
IS GROWING DANGER TO THE BIRDS.

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4. SHAKY ALGERIAN CEASEFIRE NEGOTIATED 4 SEPT SEEMS TO HAVE PUT BEN BELLA BACK ON TOP. BEN BELLA EXPECTED TO MOVE RAPIDLY TO CONSOLIDATE HIS POSITION PRIOR TO ELECTIONS WHICH HE HAS PLEDGED TO HOLD IN NEXT WEEK OR TEN DAYS. HAVE NO DETAILS, BUT WE SUSPECT BEN BELLA WILL HAVE TO PAY FOR HIS MILITARY SUPPORT BY GIVING HIS MILITARY SUPPORTERS HIGHER POLITICAL PROMINENCE.

5. BOLIVIA HAS WITHDRAWN FROM OAS, PIQUED BY FAILURE TO GET BACKING IN BOLIVIAN DISPUTE WITH CHILE OVER LAUCA RIVER. PRESIDENT PAZ HAS ALSO "POSTPONED" HIS PROPOSED STATE VISIT TO

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US LATER THIS MONTH. PAZ MAY SEIZE ON CURRENT VISIT TO LA PAZ
BY A SOVIET PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION TO LISTEN TO NEW SOVIET
AID OFFERS IN EFFORT TO PUT PRESSURE ON US.

END OF MESSAGE

LT. GEN. MARSHALL S. CARTER

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